

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

DIRECTORS OF THE OHIO	:	
CONFERENCE OF PLASTERERS &	:	CASE NO. 1:18-cv-2957
CEMENT MASONS COMBINED FUNDS,	:	
INC.	:	OPINION & ORDER
	:	[Resolving Doc. 12]
Plaintiff,	:	
	:	
vs.	:	
	:	
21ST CENTURY CONCRETE	:	
CONSTRUCTION INC.,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

In this employee benefits case, Defendant 21st Century Concrete Construction, Inc.'s attorney seeks to withdraw.¹ He claims, *inter alia*, that Defendant has failed substantially to fulfill certain obligations and has made its representation unreasonably difficult.²

However, a corporation is not permitted to proceed *pro se* in federal court.³ Put differently, Defendant needs an attorney. Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** defense counsel's motion to withdraw until Defendant has substitute counsel.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 19, 2019

s/ James S. Gwin
JAMES S. GWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ Doc. 12.

² *Id.*

³ *E.g., Bass v. Leatherwood*, 788 F.3d 228, 230–31 (6th Cir. 2015) (“[U]nder longstanding tradition, a corporation can only appear by attorney.” (internal quotation marks and emphasis omitted)). *See also* 28 U.S.C. § 1654.